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Title: THE SHASRAJAH

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REPORT ON THE  
SHASRAJAH

O Great Hierophant,  
sorrow fills mine heart  
to tell thee the regretful  
news that our great  
hope, the Shasrajah,  
cannot be counted on to  
attach the venomous  
fangs of victory about  
the necks of our enemies.  
Our great experiment  
hath failed.

As thou hast already  
been told, we had found a  
means by which the minds  
of our finest warriors  
and the bodies of snakes  
could be fused with one  
another. The resulting  
warrior would wreak  
terrible havoc on the  
forces of Order, bringing  
them their well-deserved  
destruction. In the  
earliest stages of the  
experiment all was well;  
we succeeded in joining  
Adder with Man in five  
of seven volunteers. The  
resulting form was  
vaguely humanoid, with  
resilient green skin, tough  
as the scales of a  
serpent.

We found that the  
soldiers' minds were very  
much unchanged, and  
coupled with the quickness  
and sensitivity to smell  
of the adder, the  
Shasrajah were formidable  
in battle. Their long necks  
had tremendous reach, and  
they preferred to attack

solely with their strong  
jaws. We were  
encouraged by this  
success, and accepted  
eighty-three more  
warriors to undergo the  
metamorphosis. All was  
well, as seventy-one  
survived. We believed we  
had found a counter to  
the automaton warriors  
the forces of Order had  
reputedly developed.

Much to our chagrin,  
however, our experiment  
went awry shortly  
thereafter. As we had  
them do battle to assess  
their powers, we noticed  
a disturbing trait -- the  
warrior would become  
more bloodthirsty and  
uncontrollable with each  
triumph! Soon they began  
to rebel against our  
commands. We had no  
choice but to exterminate  
them and begin anew, but  
the five hundred soldiers  
we sent against our own  
creations -- our monsters  
-- were unable to best  
them. We surrendered the  
area to them, enclosing  
them with stout doors in  
the corridors leading out.  
I can only assume that  
they have died. O Great  
Hierophant, I would  
recommend never  
performing these  
experiments again; they  
are more potentially  
dangerous than they are  
potentially helpful...